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Catholic board to close three local schools

Students consolidated. ECS moves forward with \$25.7 million new school on existing site

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Edmonton's Catholic school board will close three local schools in favour of consolidating students to one central campus.

On Tuesday, Catholic school trustees agreed to close St. Brendan, St. James and St. Kevin Schools, while voting to keep a fourth school, St. Gabriel, open.

In January, Alberta Education Minister Jeff Johnson announced \$25.7 million in

funding for a new K-to-9 facility to replace two or more underutilized schools in a mature Edmonton neighbourhood.

The board approved a motion in March to consider closure of the four schools, which had a combined utilization rate of 39 per cent and more than 1,500 vacant student.

While the board faced frustrated parents and community members during the public meeting process, trustee Debbie Engel said the board had to think of the district as a whole.

"We have a \$430 million budget. We have 38,000 children to consider and we have to do what's best with our money and what's educationally best for our children," she said.

Board chair Cindy Olsen said the district can expect the new school to open September 2016.

Olsen said though the deci-

sion was difficult, the board would now work to figure out what the consolidated school would look like with three schools being closed.

"I am sure every trustee, including myself, agonized over this," she added.

Lanna Brenneis, president of the Greater Hardisty Community Sustainability Coalition and St. Gabriel parent said she was thrilled and relieved with the board's decision to keep her community school open.

"I was quite nervous that they would feel like it was an all-or-nothing approach they had to take. I'm just so relieved that they didn't," Brenneis said.

Moving forward, the mother of two said the community will look to alternative ways to keep their school open, like increased enrolment or right-sizing the school. "Our work's not over," she said.

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Education funding

Province should fund full-day kindergarten: ECS trustees

Edmonton's Catholic School district will continue to fund 23 full-day kindergarten programs throughout the city, while trustees demand the province step up to fund the program.

ECS trustees approved a \$436-million budget Tuesday for the 2014-2015 school year, which included \$1.3 million in funding for 42 full-day kindergarten programs at 23 different sites.

While the board approved funding, several trustees voiced their frustration with the province, including trustee Debbie Engel.

"The government made a promise to full-day kindergarten because they truly believe, especially for children that are vulnerable, (it's) key to long-term success," Engel said.

Noting the program is being offered in 23 district sites, Engel said the district needs to lobby the province to fund those programs.

Trustee John Acheson echoed Engel's concern. "I don't think we should be financing full-day kindergarten. That's a provincial responsibility," he said.

While superintendent Joan Carr called the new budget a "good one," trustee Marilyn Bergstra said the provincial cuts over the last several years have led to a serious shortfall in district funding.

The school board will see a 2.7-per-cent enrollment increase next year.

LEAH GERMAIN/METRO



From left: Natalia Shakova, Jon Dennis, Ida Richards, Heather Ferguson and Tracy Raivio, who all oppose the school site redevelopment, stand on the proposed site in Twin Brooks. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Development on surplus school sites to proceed

Advanced warning.

Council votes to require signs so residents know change is coming



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The city will continue to build homes on surplus school sites, but future neighbours will at least have more information that a development is coming.

After reviewing the controversial First Place Program — which is turning school sites into affordable housing — councillors voted Tuesday

to keep the program but also to require that a large sign be posted on any current surplus school sites where projects might go ahead.

Heather Ferguson lives in the Twin Brooks area and was one of many pleading with council to change the program. She said a sign isn't going to help her neighbourhood.

"For those of us who all bought predating that, we all bought with the notion that would be public space," she said. "That isn't land to be made into private homes. Period."

A portion of Twin Brooks Park is a surplus school site and the city is planning to sell the land for affordable

First Place Program

- The First Place Program was first started in 2006 and requires that home buyers have a gross annual family income of less than \$117,000.
- The city initially approved 20 vacant school sites for redevelopment.

housing.

Ferguson said developers of the area gave up the land for a school, as part of the development and homebuyers then paid that cost. She said city council shouldn't see it as land for the taking.

"It isn't their land to do as they wish," she said. "People buy with the good faith that either that school will come or it will be green space."

Coun. Andrew Knack said the city is embracing infill development, because it saves money down the line and the city can't back away now.

"Every person across the city has to start thinking differently about infill and higher density," he said.

He said he hoped the advanced warning would take away the shock some people receive, but the city needs to proceed with the program.

"This motion says that we still need this program. In fact, we need to do more of it."



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New downtown campus for NorQuest vital for the province, says premier



Premier Dave Hancock

LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

The latest addition to Edmonton's downtown campus community was unveiled Tuesday, as Premier Dave Hancock broke ground on NorQuest College's new Centre for Learning.

The \$190-million building, with \$170 million in funding coming from the province, will bring students from across the city to downtown.

"The construction efforts that we are about to begin will allow us to consolidate our (five) dispersed Edmonton campuses

into one central downtown location," said NorQuest CEO and president Dr. Jodi Abbott.

Planned to open in 2017, the new building will include 24 classrooms, 27 labs, a daycare and a new library.

With the majority of students at the college being new Albertans, Hancock said, the new building has a vital role to play in Campus Alberta.

"If people look at how you create the full circle of educational opportunities in post-

secondary, you have to focus on early entry and literacy right through the spectrum of PhDs and nuclear physicists," he said.

NorQuest College is Edmonton's community college, serving 8,500 students annually throughout the province in full-time, part-time, distance learning and regional programs.

The new building will allow NorQuest to serve 11,000 students throughout the province by 2017.

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City to make direct case on covenants

'Politically untenable.'

Sobeys plans to keep covenants in place that prevent stores from opening in old sites



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City councillors are asking for a face-to-face meeting with the CEO of Sobeys, in yet another effort to remove restrictive covenants on former grocery stores.

The city has several former Safeway stores where the covenants in place on the property prevent another grocery store from opening in the old location.

In the past, the city has unsuccessfully sought to have the provincial government change the law. Most recently, the city asked the competition bureau to force the companies to give up the covenants as part of a sale of Safeway to Sobeys, but the bureau also declined.

Coun. Andrew Knack said he understands the limitations,

Stores

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The competition bureau required Sobeys to sell four stores in Edmonton when it purchased Safeway. Those stores have been purchased by Co-op.

but believes the city has to take every opportunity possible.

"We have explored other options as a city and this is an option that we haven't explored," he said.

A grocery store has opened in the former Petrolia Mall location, which had a caveat in place that eventually expired.

Coun. Scott McKeen said he doubts the meeting will do any good, because unfortunately the covenants are good business. "The CEO will not do anything that would put the shareholders in any financial risk," he said.

City manager Simon Farbrother also expressed skepticism and suggested continued public pressure could accomplish more. "It's not about writing polite letters," he said. "It's about making it politically untenable to keep."



This former grocery store in the Highlands area has sat abandoned since it was closed, in part because of a restrictive covenant on the site. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

'It happens a lot'

City launches dog attack awareness

Canada Post postal delivery worker Pam Horne says dog attacks have happened all too often to her while on daily delivery routes in the city.

"It happens a lot. I love dogs — and most of us do — and we don't want to

have to do away with them," she said. Horne was one of several speakers at the city's Animal Control Unit on Tuesday, as the city partnered with other organizations as part of National Dog Bite Prevention week.

According to city bylaw, dog owners are required to prevent their dogs from chasing or attacking people or animals.

"Some of the most disturbing complaints I investigate are of dog attacks," said Seamus Mastre, animal care control officer with the city.

He adds in his first year with the city, he has responded to six dog attack calls.

"It's not too frequent that it happens, but obviously it can happen," he said.

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Canada Post postal delivery worker Pam Horne poses with Edmonton Humane Society dog Dexter on Tuesday. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO



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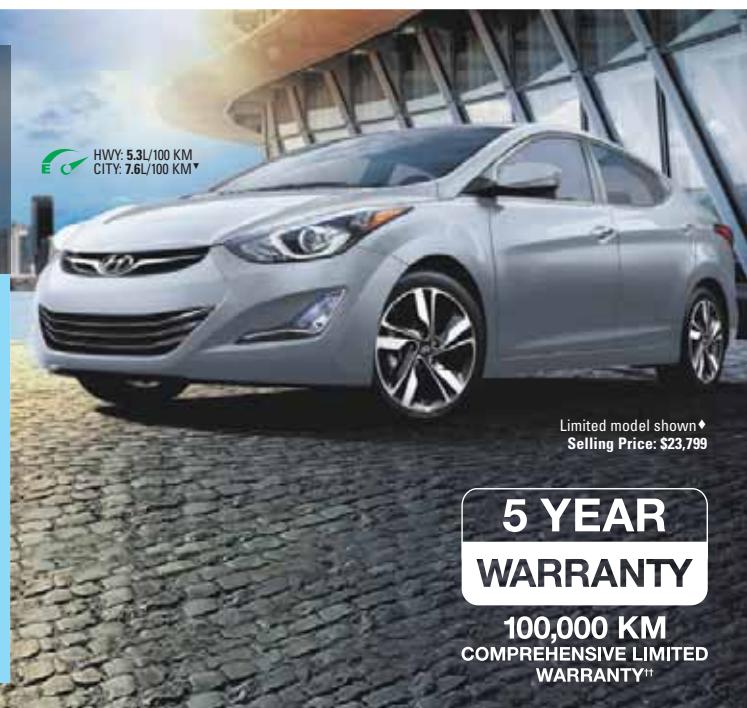
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Road fatalities down over long weekend

Fewer fatalities were logged this weekend on Alberta roads, but infractions appear to be up.

Alberta's Integrated Traffic Services reported nearly 350 more charges over this May long weekend compared to last year.

"There has been some 5,703 charges over the weekend," said Sgt. Josée Valiquette.

"Most of them were

speeding offences."

There were four fatal collisions, with one each in Two Hills, Westlock, Picture Butte and the Vulcan area. In 2013, there were eight fatalities over the long weekend.

"Despite those tragedies, it was a safer weekend on Alberta roads," said Valiquette.

RCMP said there were also 11 impaired driving

charges and 13 driving suspensions.

During last year's May-long weekend, officers laid a total of 5,357 charges — 58 of which were impaired driving, and 3,901 which were speeding violations.

STARS Air Ambulance was also kept busy flying around twice as many missions as on a typical weekend.

"On a normal day STARS flies about four to five mis-

sion from our three bases. This weekend, we were flying an average of eight to nine missions a day," said spokesperson Cam Heke, adding they flew a total of 35 missions, compared to 26 missions during last year's May long weekend.

Heke said many of those calls were in response to incidents involving all-terrain vehicles.

KATIE TURNER/FOR METRO



This blocked-off portion of road on the corner of 101 Street and 102 Avenue will be used in a new public art project. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO EDMONTON

Local artists choose a road more travelled

Open air poetry.

Chalk artists will display a poem as part of new public project

poem every time the street is cleaned or after it rains, according to organizers.

"The area is a unique traffic situation and wherever there's construction, there's potential for it," said organizer David Rauch.

Playing on the poem The Road Not Taken, the Edmonton project was aptly named The Road More Travelled because it works with one of the city's busiest open spaces.

Rauch is working alongside the Urban Interventions group of MADE (Media Art Design Edmonton) to help bring some colour and art to the city.

Specific timelines have yet to be decided on when the chalk will hit the pavement, but pedestrians should expect to see a poem on the street within two weeks.

Serious injuries. Rollerblader struck while using crosswalk

A rollerblader is suffering from serious injuries after being struck by a car while using a crosswalk Monday night.

According to Edmonton police, the 24-year-old female rollerblader, who wasn't wearing a helmet, was struck at the intersection of 167 Avenue and 95 Street around 8:15 p.m.

The woman suffered "serious but non-life-threatening

injuries" and was sent to hospital, a media release stated Tuesday.

Police continue to investigate, and it's unknown if there will be charges against the 24-year-old driver of the Mitsubishi involved.

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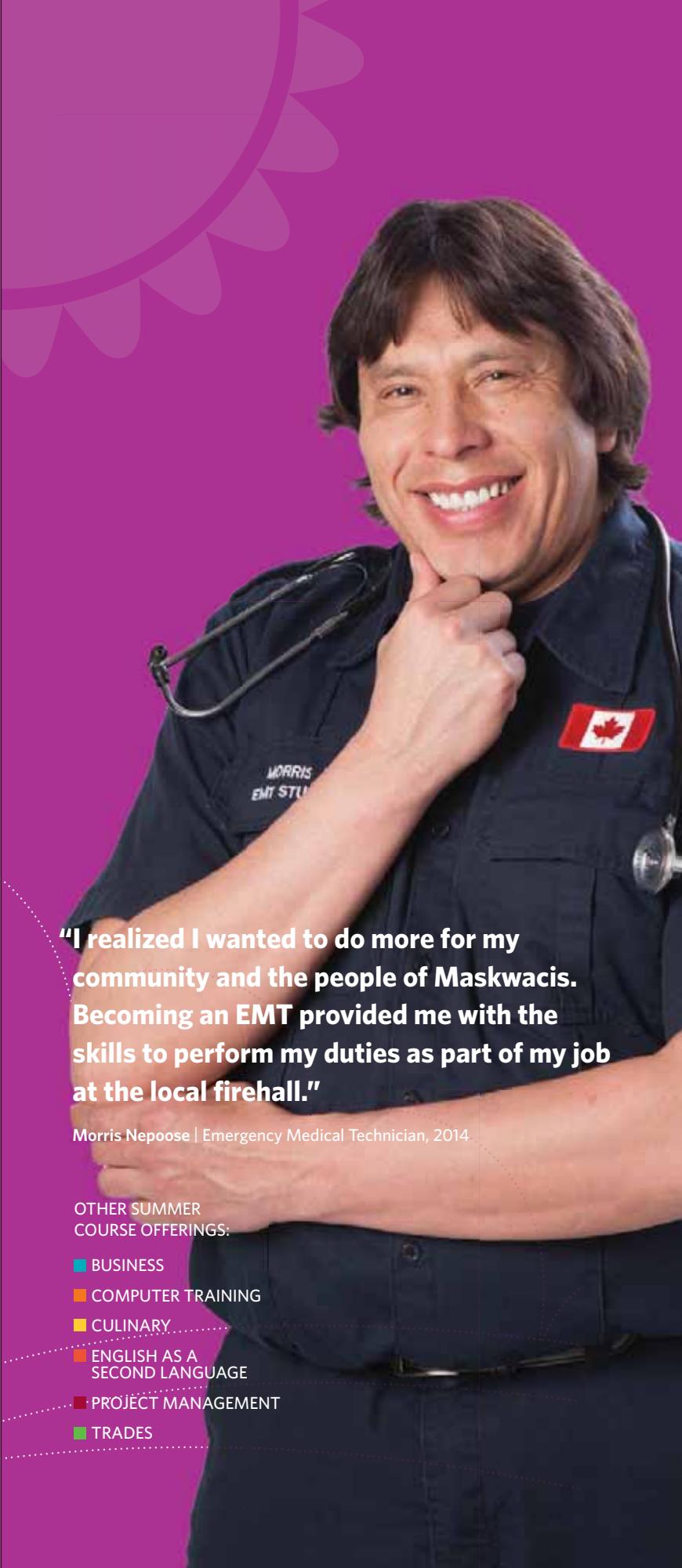
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Dog deception. Bodies of 'stolen' dogs found in ditch

The bodies of six dogs initially reported stolen from the back of a dog walker's truck were found dumped in a ditch in Abbotsford, B.C., says an SPCA spokeswoman.

Lorie Chortyk said the agency retrieved the bodies of the young- to middle-aged dogs and transferred them Tuesday to a lab where necropsies will be done.

The results are expected within a week and will determine how long the dogs were left in a vehicle in Langley, where they are believed to have died in hot weather.

The necropsy results, along with interviews with the dog walker and any witnesses, will be part of the SPCA's report to Crown counsel, which will decide if animal cruelty charges will be laid.

The SPCA took over the investigation on Monday after the dog walker admitted the animals were not stolen.

The woman initially told police and the dogs' owners that she left her vehicle to

Animal cruelty

The dog walker's name has not been released because charges have not been laid. But in addition to possible public mischief charges for falsely reporting a theft, she could face:

- B.C. Maximum fine \$75,000 or two years in jail
- Criminal Code of Canada. Maximum fine \$5,000 and 18 months jail

use the washroom in a dog park and when she returned the dogs were gone.

Chortyk said the SPCA and police deal with hundreds of calls every year involving dogs left in vehicles.

Dogs don't sweat the way we do and can be overcome with heat exhaustion, brain damage or even death in as little as 10 minutes because the temperature in a car can rise quickly, she said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ukraine

Canada names chief presidential election monitors

Former premier Mike Harris and Conservative Sen. Raynell Andreychuk will lead the independent Canadian mission to observe

the Ukrainian presidential election.

Andreychuk is a Saskatchewan Conservative appointed to the upper house by Brian Mulroney in 1993. Harris was Progressive Conservative premier of Ontario from 1995 to 2002. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Prince Charles speaks on major global challenges

Royal tour. First in line to the throne visits birthplace of Confederation

Prince Charles says the need to tackle the world's challenges became more evident for him after the birth of his grandson as he highlighted Tuesday the need to harness the creativity of young people to find innovative solutions to those problems.

Known for being outspoken on social and environmental issues, Charles said in a speech in Charlottetown that it's important to see the connections between the planet's challenges and its well-being.

"They all ... rest on the nexus of water, energy and food security and finding common purpose in meeting our common needs," he said.

Charles listed a number of issues facing the world

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"The health of nature's life-support systems ... has a direct bearing upon the health and well-being of people."

Prince Charles' speech in Charlottetown



Prince Charles and his wife Camilla with Katie Kerr, an actress portraying Anne of Green Gables in Charlottetown on Tuesday. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

— including the widening gap between rich and poor, the lack of opportunity for women and girls, youth unemployment, deforestation and overfishing after he received an honorary Symons Medal for his contribution to Canadian society.

"I'm sure that you would agree the world faces huge challenges but has enor-

mous opportunities," said Charles, a longtime friend of Prof. Thomas Symons, a supporter of the Confederation Centre of the Arts where the medal was presented and the founding president of Ontario's Trent University.

The Prince of Wales said the birth of his grandson George last year has had an impact on his views.

"It is all our grandchildren who will have to live with the very serious consequences of us believing today that we can simply carry on with business as usual as if nothing has changed."

Charles and his wife Camilla were in the middle of a four-day tour of Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Smoke rises after a bomb blast at a bus terminal in Jos, Nigeria, on Tuesday. STEFANOS FOUNDATION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Car bombs kill scores in Nigeria

Twin blasts. Death toll expected to rise beyond the already 118 confirmed dead

Nigeria's emergency agency says twin car bombs that exploded at a bustling bus terminal and market in Nigeria's central city of Jos have killed at least 118 people.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the twin car bombs. But they bore the hallmarks of Boko Haram, the Islamic extremist group that abducted nearly 300 schoolgirls last month and has repeatedly targeted bus stations and other locations where large numbers of people gather in its campaign to impose Islamic

law on Nigeria.

The second blast came half an hour after the first, killing some of the rescue workers who had rushed to the scene, which was obscured by billows of black smoke.

Dozens of bodies and body parts were covered in grain that had been loaded in the second car bomb, witnesses said. A Terminus Market official said he helped remove 50 casualties, most of them dead. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not allowed to give information to reporters.

"It's horrifying, terrible," said Mark Lipdo of the Stefanos Foundation, a Christian charity based in Jos, who described the sickening smell of burning human flesh.

A woman's body, her legs blown off and her hand reach-

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ing out of the flames, lay on the edge of an inferno consuming other bodies. Another woman, unconscious and wrapped in a brightly colored cloth, was being carried away in a wheelbarrow on a road strewn with glass shards.

Militants' attacks have been coming with increasing frequency despite a year-old military state of emergency in three of Nigeria's states to curtail the uprising.

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Uganda

Warlord Kony transfers power to young son

The fugitive African warlord Joseph Kony has handed over command of his group to one of his sons, a Ugandan military official said on Tuesday, an elevation that further marginalizes senior commanders who may threaten Kony's fading authority.

Salim Saleh was born in the 1990s, has spent all his life in the bush and is said to be as ruthless as Kony. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boko Haram. Expert says West is 'late' in fight against terror group

A terrorism expert says western nations, including Canada, are coming late to the game in confronting the extremist group that's seized nearly 300 teenage girls in Nigeria.

The U.S., Britain, Canada, France, Israel and China have all sent teams to the western African country, which has been locked in a deadly struggle with al-Qaida-affiliated Boko Haram for almost a dozen years.

Wesley Wark, one of Canada's foremost experts on international and domestic

terrorism, says the recent kidnapping has given the group an international platform and perhaps more notoriety than it deserves.

Washington has acknowledged that it is providing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support in an international effort to free the girls.

Wark says Boko Haram has represented a threat to the stability of Nigeria for years, especially in the northern region and in oil- and resource-rich areas. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Residents try to dig out a car trapped in the mud from a landslide at the village of Topic Polje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Tuesday. Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia have been hit by the worst flooding in a century, forcing half a million people out of their homes and leading to more than three dozen deaths. SULEJMAN OMERBASIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Worse than war': Flood victim

Bosnia. Tens of thousands displaced, many for the second time in their lives

It took only a few minutes for a roaring landslide to leave Ramiz Skopljak homeless for the second time in his life.

The first time he had been 47, and though his house was a ruin, the Bosnian war at least left him his land in Topic Pol-

je, central Bosnia, on which to start anew.

Now he is 65 and even if he could find the folder with the title deed buried somewhere in the mud covering his village it wouldn't help. The land itself has disappeared, along with a chunk of the hill it stood on.

"This is worse than war," the broken man whispered.

At least 43 people have died in five days of flooding caused by unprecedented torrential rain. Entire towns are underwater. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Health hazard

Drowned livestock a new threat

A new calamity emerged Tuesday in the flood-hit Balkans as rescue workers battled overflowing rivers — and were confronted by wastelands of drowned

livestock.

As the rainfall stopped and temperatures rose, the withdrawing floodwaters revealed a harrowing sight: thousands of dead cows, pigs, sheep and other animals.

Farmers fleeing the fast-rising water often had no time to free their livestock so that they could attempt to swim to safety.

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Russia. At least 6 dead, 45 injured after train collision near Moscow

A collision between a cargo train and a passenger train near Moscow killed at least six people Tuesday and left up to 45 others injured, Russian officials said.

The Interior Ministry said the accident happened when several cars on a cargo train derailed and hit a passenger train moving on a parallel track near Naro-Fominsk, a town 50 kilometres southwest of Moscow.

Officials issued contradictory claims about the cause of the accident.

Footage from the crash site broadcast by Russian television showed one side of a passenger car torn away by the collision.

Nina Suslonova, the Moscow region's health care minister, told the Rossiya 24 news channel that five people were

confirmed dead at the site. Dmitry Pestov, a deputy head of the Moscow region's government, later said that another person died in hospital, the Interfax news agency reported.

Those who were injured were all in the same car.

The Emergency Situations Ministry said 45 people were injured and 25 of them were hospitalized. It said 15 were in grave condition.

The passenger train had been travelling from Moscow to Chisinau, Moldova.

Moscow's public transport department initially said the accident was caused by a crack in the rail, but the Investigative Committee said it occurred when a cargo container came loose and hit the passenger train. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Oscar Pistorius. Trial postponed for mental health evaluation

Oscar Pistorius will start a period of psychiatric evaluation at a government institution next week, a judge ruled on Tuesday as she postponed the star athlete's murder trial until June 30.

A panel of mental health experts is now to decide if the double-amputee runner can be held criminally responsible for killing his girlfriend.

Judge Thokozile Masipa said

Tuesday that the panel should determine whether any mental illness may have affected Pistorius's capacity to be "criminally responsible" for killing Reeva Steenkamp.

The period of evaluation will be no longer than 30 days, the judge said, and will depend on how long the panel of four experts needs to observe Pistorius and compile a report for the court. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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PM's project. Gates throws the gauntlet before maternal summit

The noted philanthropist Melinda Gates says an unacceptable number of newborn babies are dying in poor countries because the developed world simply isn't investing enough money to save them.

Gates is issuing an international call for more funding as she helps launch new research in the medical journal *The Lancet* on the plight of new mothers, babies and young children in developing countries.

The frank talk from Gates means more spending pressure on Prime Minister Stephen Harper as he hosts a major international meeting next week on his signature aid initiative — maternal, newborn and child health.

Harper committed \$2.8 billion to the cause at the G8 summit Canada hosted in 2010 and is chairing a three-day international meeting in Toronto as a follow-up to raise awareness.

Each year 2.9 million new-

Newborn deaths

Melinda Gates is the co-chair of the foundation named after her and her husband, Bill. Their foundation joined six countries in contributing to Harper's initiative in 2010.

born babies die around the world, while another 2.6 million are stillborn, the *Lancet* study concluded.

That's half the 1990 rate but still too high, according to the 55 experts from 18 countries that contributed to the report. The *Lancet* study estimates that by 2020 it would cost about 91 cents per person to lower the annual death rate of newborns by 1.3 million, while reducing stillbirths by 530,000 per year. "Canada has been one of the leaders in this," said Dr. Mickey Chopra of the UN. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Activity levels of Canadian kids is behind global pack



Children play in the waters of B.C.'s Semiahmoo Bay. A new report finds Canadian kids aren't getting enough physical activity, especially compared to peers in other countries. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New report. Canadian children and youth were assigned a D- grade for overall activity levels

A new report reveals that the overall physical activity levels of Canadian kids are lagging behind those of youngsters from other nations.

For the first time, Active Healthy Kids Canada is using its annual Report Card on Physical Activity for Children

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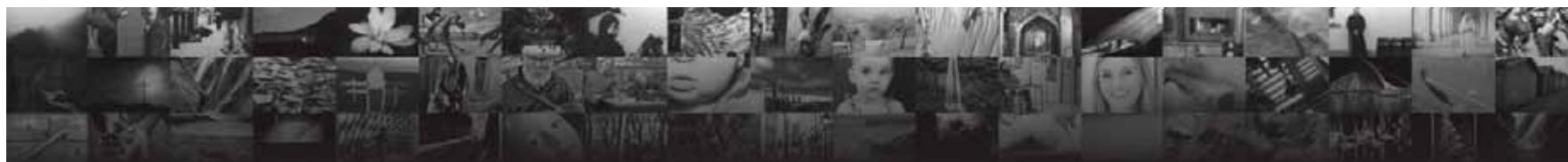
Active Healthy Kids Canada's Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth

and Youth to see how Canadians measure up to kids in 14 other countries.

The findings were released Tuesday at the first-ever Global Summit on the Physical Activity of Children being held in Toronto.

Canadian children and youth were assigned a D-minus grade for overall physical-activity levels.

Canada trailed near the back of the international pack along with Australia, Ireland and the U.S. — who were also each assigned a D-minus — while Scotland received an F. Mozambique and New Zealand topped the list for activity levels. The report found that 84 per cent of Canadian three- to four-year-olds met early years guidelines of at least 180 minutes of daily physical activity at any intensity. But only seven per cent of five- to 11-year-olds and four per cent of 12- to 17-year-olds in Canada meet guidelines. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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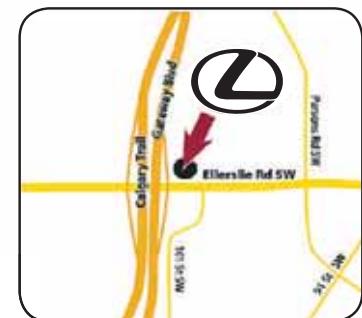


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Welcome to the new world of dating. As the near-constant use of smartphones proliferates and as people grow more comfortable with disclosing their location, a new class of mobile dating applications is emerging that spans a range as broad as human desire itself.

Millennials, busy with school, jobs and social lives, say the apps save time and let users

filter out the undesirables, based on a few photos, words and Facebook connections. Unlike the dating websites of yore, with endless profiles to browse and lengthy messages to compose, newer apps offer a sense of immediacy and simplicity that in many ways harkens back to the good old days of just walking up to an attractive stranger and making small talk.

But apps offer users a way to get some dirt before chatting.

"If you are in a bar and a guy comes to talk to you, you are immediately going to be freaked out and you don't want to talk to them because they are drunk," says Melissa Ellard, 23, who uses Hinge and says she wouldn't have gone on a date in the past six months were it not for the app. "When you are using the app, you get to look at their picture and see background information. You get to decide whether you want to continue it or not. When I meet someone, I want to know everything about them before I go on a date with them."

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Melissa Ellard, with her dog Nike, uses the dating app Hinge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Target Canada head out after missing the mark

Target has fired the president of its troubled Canadian operations, Tony Fisher, and is replacing him with a 15-year U.S. company veteran in a bid to address inventory issues and bring customers back into its stores. The executive shakeup in Canada comes two weeks after the abrupt resignation of Target's CEO and Chairman Gregg Steinhafel. GETTY IMAGES

Turkey's PM promises justice after mine disaster

Turkey's prime minister pledged Tuesday to not allow anyone responsible for the country's worst mine disaster to go unpunished and promised improved supervision of Turkish mines.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan spoke a day after a court ordered the arrests of three more people as part of probe into the coal-mine fire in the western town of Soma, which killed 301 people. The arrests raised the number of suspects facing charges of negligent death to eight.

The disaster has provoked anger at a critical time for Erdogan, as he mulls running in August's presidential election.

"God willing, everyone will draw the necessary lessons from this disaster," Erdogan said in his weekly speech to ruling party legislators. "We shall be more determined than ever to increase supervision and to take the necessary steps."

"No one will be able to cover up this painful incident. All criminal and ad-

ministrative investigations will be carried out and we will be strictly monitoring them."

The state-run Anadolu Agency said the CEO and the general manager of mine company Soma Komur Isletmer A.S., Can Gurkan and Ramazan Dogru, were among those arrested late Monday.

They were among 25 people who were initially taken into custody as part of the probe on Sunday.

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Obama. Made in America promoted at White House

President Barack Obama played the role of business pitchman Tuesday, saluting executives whose companies have chosen to gain or expand their footprint in the United States.

Obama, at the White House, welcomed leaders of 11 foreign and U.S.-based firms, including Canadian legwear maker Richelieu, that have opened new plants in the United States or brought back overseas operations.

Obama cited low energy costs, a productive workforce and a "dynamic economy" as major U.S. attractions for corporate investment.

"We want folks to know this is a great place to do business," he told the executives, including Ericsson North America chief executive Angel Ruiz and Lufthansa chairman and chief executive Carsten Spohr.

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Human rights

Germany clamps down on exports of surveillance tech

Germany says it will restrict exports of surveillance technology to states that fail to respect their citizens' human rights.

Economy Minister Sigmar Gabriel says the move is designed to prevent spy software 'Made in Germany' from being used for internal repression by autocratic regimes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turning the tables?

China, America in war of words over cyberspying

China on Tuesday warned the United States was jeopardizing military ties by charging five Chinese officers with cyberspying and tried to turn the tables on Washington by calling it "the biggest attacker of China's cyberspace."

The Foreign Ministry demanded Washington withdraw the indictment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

European basketball

Flurry of alleged anti-Semitic tweets following game

Jewish organizations in Spain have asked prosecutors to investigate some 18,000 allegedly anti-Semitic insults sent via Twitter following a weekend European basketball game.

The complaints refer to tweets sent after Israel's Maccabi Tel Aviv beat Spain's Real Madrid.

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Swiss banks

Credit Suisse seems to be just tip of the iceberg

Swiss leaders said Tuesday they're satisfied with the U.S. deal to settle criminal charges against Credit Suisse and that it will allow the bank to turn a page on the high-profile dispute.

But they noted about a dozen other Swiss regional banks remain in the Americans' cross-hairs for allegedly helping tax cheats.

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Coming up this week: the defining moment of our age.

Famous-for-nothing Kim Kardashian is marrying the Biggest Ego on the Planet, "Yeezus" Kanye West, at the Forte De Belvedere in Florence on Saturday, the day after they and their guests take a private tour of the Palace of Versailles, former home of Louis XV, who famously said, "Après moi, le déluge."

Well, it never rains, but it pours.

The original plan was for the couple to be married in Versailles, but the people who run the palace must have learned something after the wretched excesses of the Sun King and Marie Antoinette and will only allow a tour.

Of course, the palace is just a tumbrel ride away from the Place de la Concorde in downtown Paris, where former occupants of the palace lost their heads, victims of the wrath of the Republic.



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The only mobs following Kim and Kanye around are paparazzi, although they're bad enough: Kim eats an ice cream cone on the Left Bank! Kim goes to the gym! Kim shows half a boob in display of pre-wedding fitness! Nothing about this wedding and its preparations escapes the scrutiny of the tabloid channels.

For example: Kim turned up in Paris with 10 suitcases, which must have made for an interesting answer to the question "Avez-vous quelque chose à déclarer?"

And this: the ice cream flavour was brittle nut macadamia, and the couple ordered two scoops.

The bill came to 14 euros, which is like 10

bucks an ice cream cone.

"J'adore Paris," observed KK.

Come on! How much more of this can we take? A lot, apparently. It's only Wednesday.

Am I the only one left in the world to remember that Kim Kardashian has done absolutely nothing to acquire her vast, social-media stoked wealth and fame?

Nobody else seems to care. Celebrity is celebrity. Kim has even spawned a growth industry called Kardashian.

For example, on the same day La Kim went out for ice cream on the Left Bank, her kid brother Rob engaged in a Tweet fest with the media because he is fat.

I mean, 35 per cent of the U.S. over-20 population is fat.

That's not news. Or it's bad news. But it's Rob Kardashian's claim to fame. In fact, the body weight of the entire clan is a national obsession. Kim and her sisters Kourtney and Khloé alert the media every time their clothes fit.

But really, it's all about Kim.

If I'm Kanye West and I'm touring the fabulous Hall of Mirrors on Friday, I might cast a quick glance at myself and make sure I still cast a reflection.

Because even the world's largest ego is going to have trouble keeping up with the Kardashian(s).

Yeezus.

ZOOM

Banding together for mascot



Emit, a four-week-old southern three-banded armadillo, eats banana off the hand of a zookeeper. A group in Brazil hopes the fact that the endangered armadillo is the World Cup mascot will raise awareness at all levels of society about the importance of saving the armadillo and its natural habitat. TOM UHLMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saving the three-banded armadillo

A Brazilian environmental group has launched an effort to save the endangered three-banded armadillo, the mascot for the World Cup starting next month.

The armadillo is in danger of extinction, largely because of deforestation and hunting in its habitat in the shrub lands of northeastern Brazil. Its meat is considered a delicacy by many in the region.

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World Cup baller

Those risks in large part are why the armadillo was chosen as World Cup mascot. Another is that when it's frightened, it rolls up into a ball small enough to fit into one hand, looking like a tan soccer ball.

Its hard shell protects it from its natural predators, jaguars and foxes, but it becomes easy prey for hunters since it does not dig a hole to hide in.

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Geminid showers coming up all flowers



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There's a wonderful little corner of YouTube devoted to Kenneth Brandon and his time-lapsed eye-candy series with an eye turned toward the night skies above California's more rugged spaces.

This beautiful footage of 2012's Geminid meteor shower over Big Sur is a nice example of his prodigious output. If you find yourself impressed, be sure to check out more of his work at youtube.com/kennethbrandon. (Via Kenneth Brandon/YouTube)



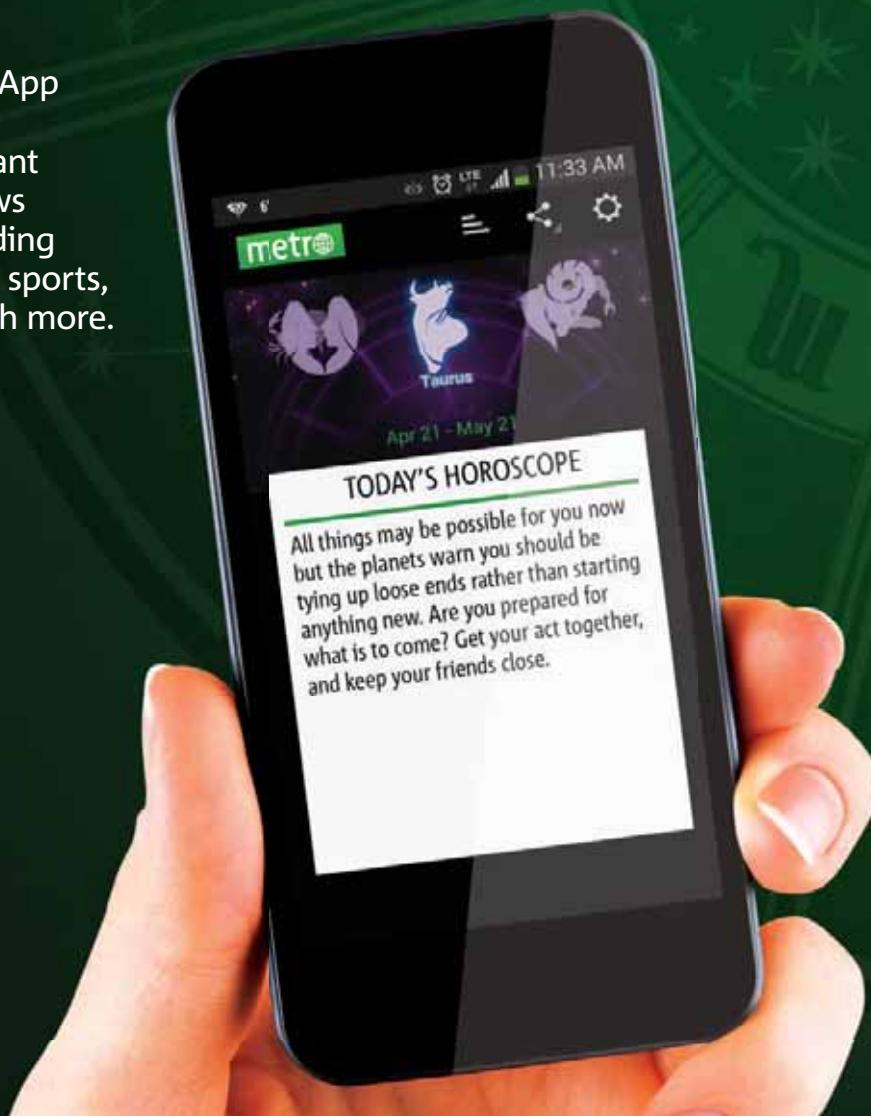
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Blended mix meets match

When two families commingle. From The Brady Bunch to its film granddaddy, Yours, Mine and Ours, Hollywood loves a blended family story



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The Brady Bunch is pop culture's most famous blended family.

The story of a "lovely lady who was bringing up three very lovely



girls," and a "man named Brady with three boys of his own," who "would somehow form a family," ran for five seasons on TV, endlessly in reruns and even spawned two movies.

"The Brady Bunch is a live-action modern fairy tale of family," says Christopher Knight who played Peter Brady on the original show. "In this context it's less odd that it's lasted for over 30 years; and why it may last in some respects as long as Mother Goose!"

He may be optimistic on the eternal appeal of his show, but he's not wrong to imply that the idea of blended families could remain the subject of stories and movies for years to come.

This weekend "cinematic soulmates" Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler reunite for a third time, following The Wedding Singer and 50 First Dates, for Blended, a romantic comedy about the mixing and mingling of two families.

Hollywood has been blending screen families for years. The grandfather of these blended family stories has to be Yours, Mine and Ours.

Based on the memoir Who Gets the Drumstick? by



Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler play a widowed mom and a divorced dad who meet on a family safari after a disastrous blind date in Blended. CONTRIBUTED

Helen Beardsley, this 1968 Lucille Ball, Henry Fonda film sees a widow with eight kids and a widower with 10 children (including Mike, played by Tim Matheson 10 years before he found fame in Animal House) become one big (almost) happy family.

The film was produced by Ball, who became so friendly with the Beardsleys she treated all 20 of them to a trip to Disneyland. ABC and Paramount Studios were so impressed with the film they gave the green light to the

similarly themed The Brady Bunch show.

The same year, movie legend Doris Day made her final big-screen appearance in With Six You Get Egg Roll, a blended family story about a widow with three sons who marries a man with a daughter. The kids don't see eye to eye, but soon figure out a way to live together. Released so soon after Yours, Mine and Ours, Eggroll got good reviews, but, as Roger Ebert wrote at the time, "would probably seem funnier if it didn't suffer by

comparison."

Finally, Step Brothers is an R-rated look at extreme Peter Pan Syndrome. Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly play 40ish men who become bunkmates and reluctant stepbrothers when their parents (Mary Steenburgen and Richard Jenkins) marry. The familiar reprimand "Grow up and act your age" fell on deaf ears with these guys. It's like watching two overweight, foul-mouthed 10-year-olds with thinning hair going at each other, but it is good vulgar fun.

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Lea Michele dishes on her new book and her style must-haves

Brunette Ambition.
Glee star's memoir gives fans a glimpse into her life and style

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Actress and singer Lea Michele is now also a published author.

In her new book *Brunette Ambition*, Michele details her journey from being a child performer on Broadway to becoming the star of the hit TV show *Glee*. The glossy, photograph-filled book covers everything from navigating life in Hollywood to beauty and style tips.

"I just really wanted to have the opportunity to do something for my fans," Michele tells us. "They are always asking me about health, beauty, fitness. So I wrote this book for them."

The book also pays tribute to Michele's singing idol Barbra Streisand, with each chapter beginning with either a quote from the singer or from one of Streisand's iconic movie roles. "I think she is just amazing," Michele says of her fellow singer and actress. "I remember watching *Funny Girl* as a little girl and I think that she's an amazing role model. I've been trying to do that for my fans."

While Michele says that deep down she is a jeans-and-T-shirt person at heart, she also writes about her favourite award night looks and her red carpet beauty routine. "I really love my hair and makeup team; they've been with me for a long time," she says. "When we're getting ready for the red

carpet, we put on music. It's a lot of fun."

It's been a busy spring so far for Michele. In addition to promoting her new book, she just released the video for her single *On My Way* from her first solo album *Louder*. She also

voices the character of Dorothy in the animated film *Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return*.

"I was so happy that I had the opportunity to play Dorothy. It's such an iconic role," she says, noting that her favourite song in the film is

Work With Me.

Michele pauses for a moment when asked to name three items she thinks every woman should have in her closet. "Boyfriend jeans, motorcycle boots and a leather jacket," she replies after con-

sideration.

However, she doesn't miss a beat when asked to pick her favourite recipe in the book. "Definitely I would say the grilled cheese," she replies instantly. "I'd eat it every day if I could."



Santa skipped my house!

Peet pens Christmas book for Jewish kids

Are you there, Santa? Amanda Peet is calling.

Random House Children's Books announced Tuesday that it will release *Dear Santa, Love Rachel Rosenstein*, a picture book that the actress-playwright collaborated on with her friend Andrea Troyer. Publication is set for fall 2015.

The story revolves around a young Jewish girl who wonders why Santa doesn't visit her house. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

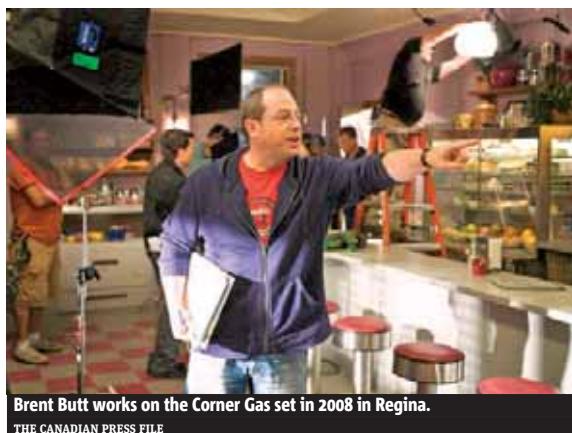


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Brent Butt works on the *Corner Gas* set in 2008 in Regina.
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Dog River returns. *Corner Gas* to hit the big screen

The gang from *Corner Gas* is headed to the big screen — with a little help from fans through a Kickstarter campaign.

Creator and star Brent Butt announced Tuesday that a 90-minute feature film based on the wildly popular Canadian TV show will hit theatres in December.

"It was something we talked about really early on after the series ended. I kind of always wanted to go back one more time," Butt said.

"This is when the timing feels right to us, and it happens to be the 10th anniversary of *Corner Gas* hitting the air."

Shooting for *Corner Gas: The Movie* is set to begin next month in Rouleau, Sask. All eight of the central cast members are set to return and the plot focuses on a devious plan by a corporate chain that would change Dog River forever.

The film is unusual for a Canadian feature in two ways — it is being released directly

low fans to participate in the movie-making process.

The campaign at cornergasthemovie.com aims to raise \$100,000 for the production in 30 days. Fans can chip in \$50 for a T-shirt, \$6,000 for a speaking role and \$8,000 for a private premiere in a local theatre, among other rewards.

"The Kickstarter is more about fan engagement than fundraising," said co-executive producer Virginia Thompson. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Two Professor X's meet for X-Men powwow

Get ready for nerd heads to explode.

Professors Xavier past and future share electrifying scene in latest X-Men film

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X-Men: Days of Future Past allows for a rare occurrence, not only in the comics franchise but in all movies. It's a time travel picture, with the older mutants sending Hugh Jackman's Wolverine back to 1973 to thwart a dystopian future where they're hunted and killed by government robots. That means that we see both the old and young versions of Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart and James McAvoy, respectively), as well as two Magnetics (Ian McKellen and Michael Fassbender).

That doesn't mean the actors actually get to share scenes — though Stewart and

McAvoy do, once, when both characters meet in their joined mind for a little, nerd-electrifying powwow.

"It was James' first day of work and it was my last day of work," recalls Stewart of the day it was shot. "My bags were packed and I was ready to get out of Dodge." He says they didn't belabour the scene. "I don't recall rehearsing it. We knew the lines and they rolled the cameras and it was four minutes' work. I shouldn't have said that. I should have said we worked on it for weeks."

For McAvoy, he obviously had much to draw on for his performance. "I've been a fan [of Stewart's] for years," McAvoy says. "I watched the [X-Men] films, and Star Trek, all the way back to Dune. I don't know if anyone remembers Dune." (Stewart played a mulleted Gurney Halleck in the 1984 David Lynch film.) It wasn't just about nailing Stewart's performance style, though. "I was watching the empathy that pours out of him in the previous movies. It's the prime characteristic of Professor X: This willing-



James McAvoy, left, and Patrick Stewart in X-Men: Days of Future Past. ALAN MARKFIELD/20TH CENTURY FOX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ness to care and reach out and help."

He wasn't the only one studying another actor's performance. Stewart did the same to McAvoy. "It made me (want) to go back and shoot it again, now that I knew where

I came from. I could get so much more James McAvoy into that performance," he says, somewhat joking.

At the same time, Charles Xavier is in a very different spot than he has been in any other movie. "We've seen the

good professor, who has always had options, and those options have been through negotiation, persuasion, some resolution that will not be violent," Stewart says. "From the beginning of this movie, there is no other option. Our enemy

this time is not available for rational conversation or to be reasoned with. The professor has to make the decision to destroy something to survive. It toughened Xavier up."

Sadly, Ian McKellen could not attend the press junket, which would have reunited him in New York City with his dear friend and funny-picture buddy, Stewart. That also meant the two Magnets couldn't butt heads. In fact, McKellen and Fassbender didn't even see each other on-set.

"We sort of kept missing each other," Fassbender recalls. That doesn't mean he wasn't studying him anyway. "For this one I spent a lot of time with this video on YouTube, which was Ian McKellen in the 1970s doing this workshop on 'Macbeth.' I was playing that over and over again, getting more of the rhythms and tones of his voice." This of course means they don't get the on-screen meet-up that the two Xaviers enjoyed. "Unfortunately we didn't get a scene together. We flipped a coin and James and Patrick won the toss."

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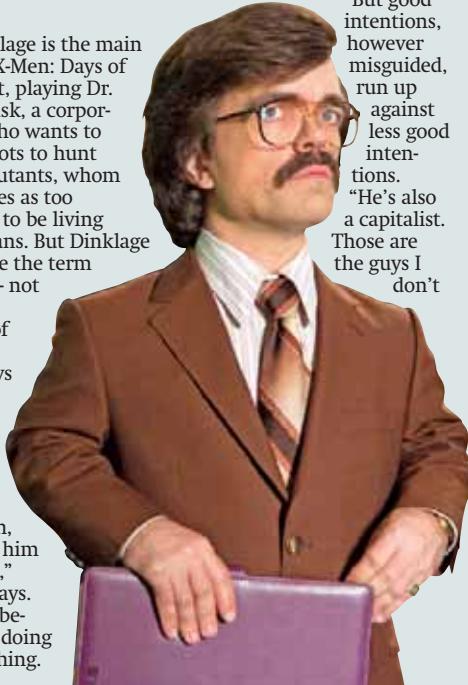
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Days of Future Past

Think X-Men have powers? Check out capitalists

Peter Dinklage is the main baddie in X-Men: Days of Future Past, playing Dr. Bolivar Trask, a corporate type who wants to design robots to hunt and kill mutants, whom he perceives as too dangerous to be living with humans. But Dinklage doesn't like the term "villain" — not here, nor on Game of Thrones.

"I always say the highfalutin' actor thing of not judging your villain, not seeing him as a villain," Dinklage says. "He really believes he's doing the right thing."



He wants to save humankind, worldwide, at the time of the Vietnam War, one of the worst wars there was — although I guess they're all bad wars."

But good intentions, however misguided, run up against less good intentions. "He's also a capitalist. Those are the guys I don't

trust: war profiteers. His containers [with the robots] have his logo on them. The guys screaming in a tree in Central Park, you get that as a New Yorker. But I don't get the guys down in Wall Street, bleeding people for a living."

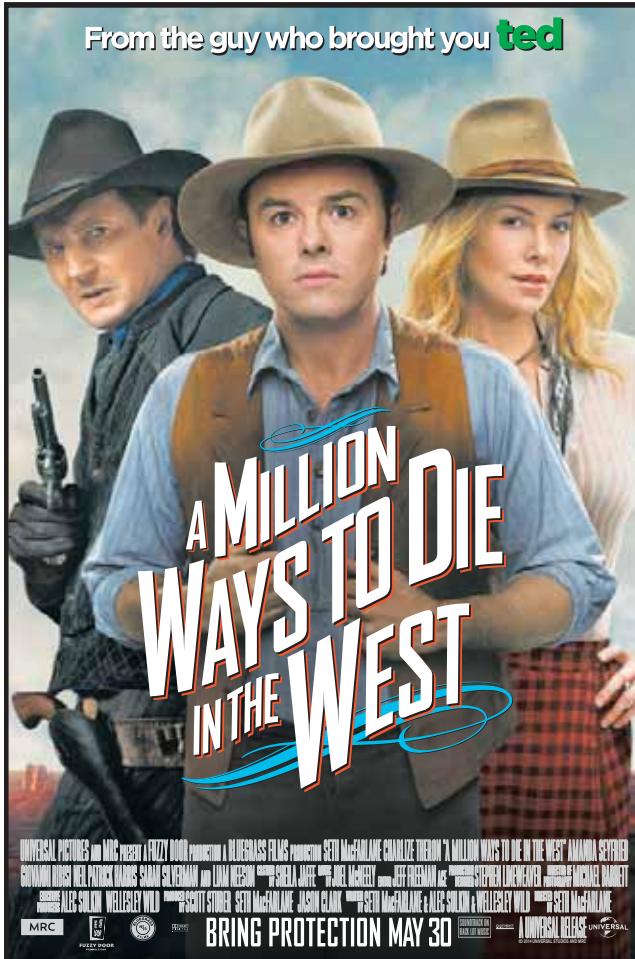
Dinklage's character gets to hobnob with another baddie of the 20th century. The film has Trask pitch his robots to Richard Nixon, played by Mark Camacho. There's a fine line where you can easily slip into comedic territory. You can get Rich Little with it," Dinklage says. "Mark certainly didn't do that."

Dinklage even says he has a kind of history with Nixon. "My mother was an elementary school teacher for 35 years, and she taught at Nixon's school in New Jersey. I was raised a liberal Democrat, and she was protesting Nixon when he was in office. And yet we have a picture of my mother and President Nixon shaking hands."

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Peter Dinklage in X-Men: Days of Future Past. ALAN MARKFIELD/20TH CENTURY FOX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pattinson trying to break dawn persona that attracted paparazzi

For the past year, Robert Pattinson has been trying to disappear. He says he's been actively avoiding having his photo taken, trying to erase a tabloid persona.

"I'm just trying to not be in stupid gossip magazines, basically, and I think the best way to do it is never be photographed ever," says Pattinson. "As I get older, I just get more and more and more self-conscious about getting photographed. I don't know why. I've done it too many times and now I feel like everyone can see through me."

Not being photographed

isn't an option for Pattinson at the Cannes Film Festival: The annual Côte d'Azur extravaganza is famous for its walls of photographers and its rabid hunger for celebrity.

But Pattinson has unveiled a new, more mature image of himself at this year's Cannes. He stars in two of the festival's top films: David Michod's lean, dystopian thriller *The Rover* and, in competition, David Cronenberg's dark Hollywood satire *Maps to the Stars*. In the latter, he plays a Los Angeles limo driver trying to break into the movie business.

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Nicole doesn't kid about her man and her fam

Nicole Kidman is ready to give up her film career all together in favour of her family — she's just waiting for husband Keith Urban to ask. "If he said no, I wouldn't have done it. That's how we are," she tells the Daily Mail about her latest role as Grace Kelly in *Grace of Monaco*, which debuted at the Cannes Film Festival. "I know this sounds old-fashioned, but I do put it on the table. Because if it won't work for us, then I'm not doing it." When



asked point-blank if she would quit acting should Urban request such a move, Kidman says, "Yeah, if he asked me. No question."

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Charlize shares that things are haPenning with Sean

Charlize Theron is finally opening up about her blossoming relationship with Sean Penn, and all it took was an interview with *Vanity Fair*. "Sean and I have known each other for 18 years. We were just really good friends," she tells the magazine. "And it's been slow going because you are aware that you could screw that up and lose it. We had to think about it. But at the end of the day, it was somewhat effortless. It just kind of naturally happened, and before I knew it I was in something that was making

my life better. The people who really love me can see the effect it has had on me." She does admit, though, that the paparazzi attention has made developing a relationship a bit awkward. "I don't know how you have a healthy relationship with the whole world knowing about it," she says. "Look, we're dating, and I don't think we were trying to hide anything. We were photographed, the relationship was kind of written about. I recently did a daylong press junket, which I hadn't done in forever, and it's a harsh reminder that whatever people try to hide a press junket behind, it's really a roundabout way of getting at as much private s— as they can. It was all about what I like to eat and avoiding questions about Sean or my son."



Sandra Bullock

Sandra speaks: Actress advises teens about life, love and nose-picking

Seniors at Warren Easton Charter High School in New Orleans got quite a surprise when their graduation speaker turned out to be none other than Oscar-winner Sandra Bullock, according to E! News. And Bullock had some choice advice for the young adults in attendance. "Stop worrying so much. I don't remember any of the moments in my life where I worried. Raise the bar higher. Nothing is a failure, it's just not supposed to work out,"

she told the crowd. "Eat something green every day. Do not pick your nose in public — how about we just go get a tissue? When someone who cares about you hugs you, hug them back. If someone doesn't want to play with you, it's OK. Not everybody is going to love us. And last but not least, go find your joy. It's what you're going to remember in the end. It's not the worry, it's not the what-ifs. It's the joy that stays with you."

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Wanderlust. Turkey's famed city has your typical tourist haunts, but stray from beaten path for so much more

Istanbul, the noisy Turkish metropolis on the Bosphorus Strait lauded by many a travel ranking, has much more to offer than grand mosques and bazaars. Away from the din of typical tourist haunts, a walk around the neighbourhoods of Karakoy, Balat and Kuzguncuk will peel back the surface to reveal the city's multilayered history. As proof of Turkey's popularity, TripAdvisor just named the country the world's top destination, based on the website's ratings and user reviews.

Karakoy

Descending from the Galata Tower in the Beyoglu district, often regarded as the "pulse of Istanbul," one of the city's steepest hills will lead to Karakoy, an up-and-coming area hemming the Bosphorus Strait. This one-time industrial neighbourhood is still home to a number of shops where anything from fishing equipment to Bunsen burners can be procured. But the hardware stores and workshops must now negotiate their space with new galleries and cafés that have created a hub for young hipsters. Past the Karakoy ferry terminal, one street over from the water, look for Namli Gurme, a restaurant and small marketplace offering a large selection of "mezes," or cold appetizers. Also served here is a cut of meat called "lokum," which means Turkish delight and is the term for anything wildly tasty and juicy (unlike the narrower meaning of the term Turkish delight out-



The Istanbul neighbourhood of Karakoy, with its cafés and galleries, has become a hub for the young. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

side the country, referring only to chewy sugary candies).

Balat

The Balat district is a quiet historic area by the Golden Horn, the narrowest stretch of the Bosphorus. Its twisting streets and weathered houses, like antiques in an open museum, echo a past occupied by waves of Jewish, Greek, Bulgarian and Armenian residents. The area is now home mainly to

working-class Turks from Black Sea towns and Central Anatolia. Adventurous tourists who can find the beauty in the decaying buildings and are willing to forgo the reliability of a map will enjoy wandering the hilly streets. Walking from the Galata Bridge by the seaside toward the end of the Golden Horn, the Gul Mosque is not to be missed. Formerly known as Saint Theodosia church, the cross-in-square orthodox

church was converted into a mosque by Ottomans.

Kuzguncuk

On the Asia side of this continental crossroads of a city, the quiet, pictorial village of Kuzguncuk is minutes away from the Uskudar ferry terminal. It's lauded as a quieter, perhaps less jaded version of upscale Ortakoy on the European side. It is another well-known Jewish quarter, home

to two synagogues. Among the seaside fish restaurants bearing views of the Bosphorus Bridge, Ismet Baba generates the most fanfare. Uryanizade Sokak, running perpendicularly from Ismet Baba and the seaside, is a restored street lined with Ottoman houses and studios for artists. Farther north, the waterside showcases a string of Istanbul's famous classic wooden-framed mansions, known as "yalı." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Arthur Conan Doyle's beloved character continues to fascinate

The Museum of London is turning its magnifying glass on the most famous Londoner who never lived: Sherlock Holmes.

The museum on Tuesday announced an exhibition devoted to Arthur Conan Doyle's Victorian detective, featuring everything from handwritten manuscripts to the coat worn by Benedict Cumberbatch in the BBC series *Sherlock*.

It's the first time the history museum has built a show around a fictional character. But Holmes is one of those rare creations who has long outlived his creator and captured the public imagination for more than a century.

"There are people out there who think he's a real person," said Alex Werner, the exhibition's lead curator. "His profile has never been higher."

Werner said with a new generation discovering the character through the BBC's "playful and reverential" adaptation, the timing seemed right for a major retrospective.

"This is the moment to say: He is one of London's icons. He helped make London what it is," Werner said.

Werner said the aim was to "peel back the layers" of a character who is simultaneously cerebral sleuth, forensic scientist, drug-taking bohemian and archetypal Englishman.

The show draws liberally



An oil painting of a portrait of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, 1897, by Sidney Paget. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Details

The exhibition — which opens Oct. 17 and runs to April 12 — examines the origins of *Sherlock Holmes* in a series of stories by doctor-turned-writer Conan Doyle, and his evolution through myriad stage and screen adaptations.

from the museum's large collection of Victorian costumes and artifacts, including a 19th-century syringe; Holmes infamously relieved boredom with a seven-per cent solution of cocaine in water.

The Free Library of Philadelphia has loaned pages from Edgar Allan Poe's handwritten manuscript for the 1841

story *The Murders in the Rue Morgue*. It's often considered the first modern detective yarn and was a childhood favourite of Conan Doyle.

There's also an oil portrait of Conan Doyle, painted in 1897 by Sidney Paget, whose illustrations for the original stories in Strand magazine created the lean, hawkish Holmes of popular imagination. Pat Hardy, the museum's curator of paintings, prints and drawings, noted that the solid, moustache-sporting Conan Doyle looks distinctly Dr. Watson-ish.

And no modern Sherlock show would be complete without the flowing Belstaff overcoat worn by Cumberbatch in *Sherlock* — a garment that's something of a style icon in itself.

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How-to

Be a better travel companion

1. Be on time for the airport. No one wants to guess if your alarm went off or not.
2. Don't be: whiney, fussy, grumpy, bossy, shirty — any of the ill-tempered words that end in "y."
3. Never complain unless it's warranted.
4. Never fixate — on how awful lunch was, on what to buy your Mom, on anything.
5. Go with the flow.

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Trend

More leg room ... Seriously!

Bless the innovators at Jet Blue for launching premium cabin Mint next month on flights from New York to L.A. With lie-flat seats, 15-inch TVs and a tapas-style menu, it is destined for repeat business — at 75 per cent less than a business-class seat. Coach class sees vending machines replacing the elbow-smashing trolleys, 10-inch video screens, plus more legroom. A New York-San Francisco route starts this fall. Let's hope this trend trickles across the border.

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New

Air Canada is flying down to Rio

It is never too early to start planning your Christmas vacation — or your trip to the 2016 Olympic Games. Tickets are now on sale for Air Canada's new, non-stop flights to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, three times a week, beginning in early December. Sugarloaf Mountain and the fabulous beaches at Ipanema and Copacabana are within easy reach. This new route is timed for Pearson connections to China and Japan, as well as connections with Air Canada's South American airline partners. DOUG WALLACE/METRO



Cruise down the Amazon in luxury

Next month, boutique cruise company Rainforest Cruises is launching the M/V Cattleya, an intimate eight-passenger boat ready to set sail to the remote Pacaya-Samiria Reserve in the Loreto region of the Peruvian Amazon. Wind through tributaries and channels, spotting rarely seen wildlife (including the pink river dolphins) and communing with local indigenous tribespeople. The boat's five-star feel is underscored by fine linens, great food made with exotic local ingredients, en-suite bathrooms and best of all — air conditioning, a blessing in the Amazon humidity. Four- and five-day cruises start at about \$2,400. RainforestCruises.com.

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Portrait perfect

My recipe for a perfect portrait is to never photograph people with their back or face to the sun. If sunlight is behind them, the camera will autofocus on the person and the background will be lost or it will autofocus on the background and your subject will be blacked out. If the person is facing the sun, likely they will be squinting in the direct light and their face will be bleached out. So make sure to have the sunlight either to the left or right of their face and then use your flash to light up the other half of your subject.

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Bad weather makes for good pictures

Scenery is always a favourite subject for travellers. Before shooting, think about what drew your attention to the place. Light is a key factor. The best pictures are often made at the beginning or end of the day, or surprisingly, in changeable and bad weather.

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Beauty really is in the eye

When shooting wildlife, make sure the animal's eyes are in sharp focus. A sharp eye provides a strong and intriguing focal point for most viewers. An out-of-focus eye lacks interest. Next, pick an angle that puts the sun behind you and over one of your shoulders. This shooting angle will produce a twinkle in the animal's eye that helps you avoid that dark dead-eye look.

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Sending out those CVs too swiftly can lead to a legacy of ‘We’ll let you know’

Resumé on the run.

Remember to take extra care when you're casting your net extra-wide

LAUREN MARINIGH
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Everyone has been there: You're in such desperate need of a job, be it part-time or full-time, that you're sending out applications

to just about anyone.

But now, having submitted multiple resumés, you can't quite figure out why you're not hearing back from employers. Here are some common things you may be doing that affect your job application.

Nothing says “hire me” like a blank email

Typing up a personalized email for every single place you apply is time-consuming.

You may think everything

that the employer needs to know is in your attached resumé and cover letter, but a blank email shouts: “I’m too lazy to take the time to personalize this application for you.”

Your email doesn't need to be (and shouldn't be) as detailed as your cover letter, but you should give your potential employer a brief overview of yourself, what job you're applying for, and why.

If a company receives hundreds of job applications, the

RESOOME



Don't be so speedy with your CV that you forget to check your spelling. iSTOCK

ones that have blank emails will have an even harder time standing out from the pack and making it to the next round in the process.

Your resumé is just straight-up terrible

You're young and you may not have loads of work experience.

That's fine, but in 2014 there's no reason your resumé should have zero layout, be extremely disorganized, and/or be longer than if you had 20-plus years' experience.

It's so easy to have a clean, crisp resumé. Get started by searching “free resumé templates” in Google and download one ASAP; all you'll need to do is fill in the blanks.

In the long run, you'll probably want to make a resumé from scratch, but seeing samples can help you start thinking about (and planning) your own.

If you don't have much work experience, showcase other accomplishments you

may have, such as volunteer experience or extra-curricular activities. There's no reason your resumé should include your education alone.

It should be no longer than two pages, and there's really no reason it should be more than one. Take a look at what's on your resumé: The drama award you won in Grade 5 is probably irrelevant now.

You miss important details on your resumé/cover letter

Everyone has done it — sent out an application without changing some key pieces of information.

Forgetting to change your career objective or including a cover letter for the wrong position are both surefire ways to get overlooked.

Take your time when applying for jobs and proofread everything. When an employer gets an application with the wrong company and position listed on it, it'll

more than likely go straight into the trash, no matter how qualified you are.

Job description? What job description?

You got so excited when you realized a new position had opened up at your favourite business or dream workplace that you forgot to read the entire job description before you applied.

Had you read the job description, you'd realize that the employer asked for you to attach a portfolio (which you didn't), or asked for someone who speaks French (which you don't).

Don't waste your time, or an employer's. Take the time to read the job description thoroughly and make sure you have the specific skills required for the role.

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A serving of spring

Vegetable Primavera.

The word 'primavera' literally means 'spring' in Italian. Add asparagus and fiddleheads for a seasonal touch



DINNER EXPRESS
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Once May hits, fresh vegetables become a bigger part of everyone's kitchen repertoire. Outdoor markets also begin to flourish and become colourful.

Taking the time to stroll through the market or grocery store can easily become daunting, so make a list! Choose a few great delicious recipes for the week and make your list, then set your sights on the market and grocer.

There is always a little room for wandering, but if time is of the essence, that grocery list will make you more efficient

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cups (500 ml) cubed firm tofu
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) hot pepper flakes
- 1 cup (250 ml) vegetable cocktail juice
- 2 cups (500 ml) chopped fresh asparagus or peas
- 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 carrot, julienned
- 1 yellow or green zucchini, julienned
- 8 oz (227 g) whole-wheat fettuccine or linguine pasta
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh Italian parsley (optional)
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) freshly grated Parmesan cheese

and ensure you're not wasting veggies by not using them.

Primavera means springtime in Italian, which makes sense as this dish showcases fresh vegetables and colours.

My version uses vegetable cocktail juice, which many people have on hand. It can, however, be easily substituted with your favourite pasta sauce.

Use your favourite spring vegetables like asparagus or fiddleheads. But don't worry that seasonality will ruin this dish, because you can get peppers, tomatoes and peas year-round! When you get bored, change up the vegetables and use a variety of colours. This

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pasta is also a wonderful way to use up leftover roasted or grilled vegetables.

Normally made with just vegetables, this version uses tofu for an added twist and a hit of protein.

Grind some fresh black pepper to finish the dish.

1. In non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Brown



COOK TIME
20 MINUTES

This recipe serves six. EMILY RICHARDS

tofu on all sides for about 3 minutes; remove to plate.

2. In same skillet over medium heat; cook garlic and red pepper flakes for 30 seconds. Add vegetable cocktail juice and stir

boiling salted water; cook fettuccine for about 8 minutes or until tender but firm. Drain and add to skillet. Stir in reserved tofu and toss to coat well. Sprinkle with parsley, if using and cheese.

Carrots moonlight as fettuccine pasta

1. Heat the oven to 350 F.

2. In a shallow baking dish, spread the walnuts in an even layer and bake on the oven's middle shelf for 8 to 10 minutes, or until they smell fragrant. Remove and set aside.

3. Meanwhile, using a swivel blade or a Y-shaped vegetable peeler, peel the carrots into long fettuccine-like strands, discarding the core (or saving it for a snack or a stock).

4. In a large skillet, combine 1 cup of the chicken broth with the lemon zest, a hefty pinch of



This Lemony Carrot "Fettuccine" with Toasted Walnuts serves four.
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Ingredients

- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 lbs large carrots, peeled, stem ends discarded
- 1 1/4 cups low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth, divided
- 1 tbsp grated lemon zest
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 2 oz low-fat cream cheese
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh chives

salt and several grinds of pepper. Whisk the mixture until the lemon is well distributed.

5. Cut up the cheese into small pieces and add it to the skillet along with the carrots. Cover the skillet tightly and bring the broth to a boil.

6. Reduce the heat and simmer the carrots, covered, for 3 minutes. Remove the lid, and stir the carrots gently with tongs to make sure the cheese is well

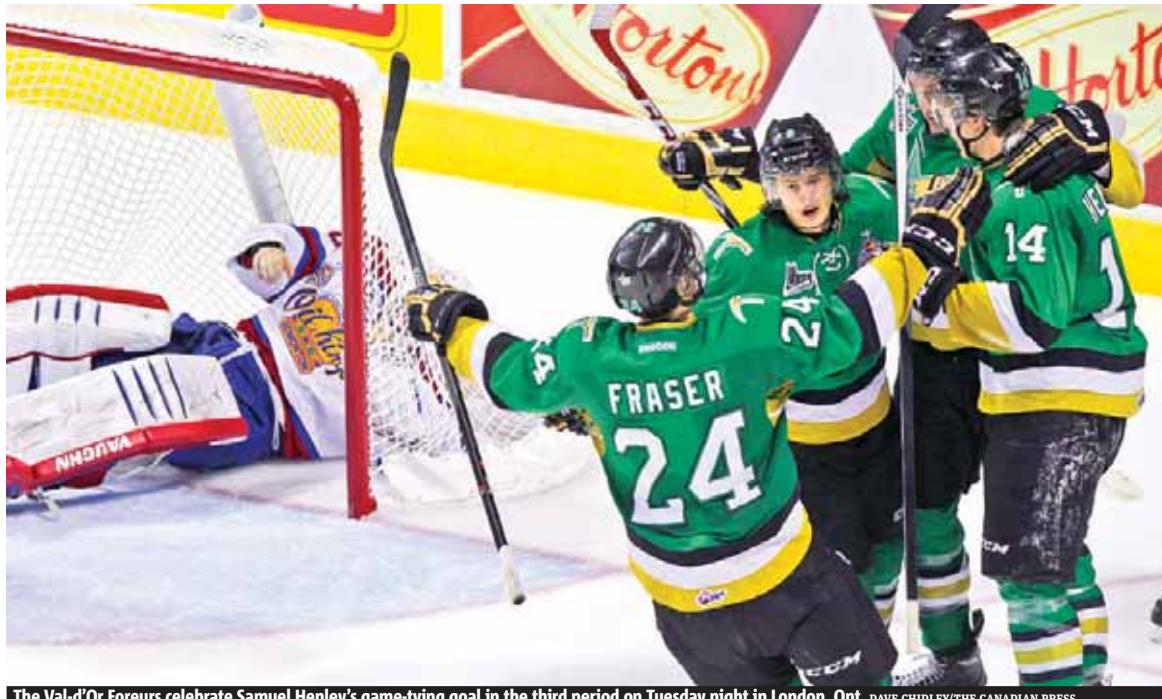
distributed. Cover and simmer, adding the additional broth if the mixture seems dry, for another 1 to 2 minutes, or just until the carrots are tender.

7. Stir in the lemon juice, then season with salt and pepper. Divide the carrot "fettuccine" between 4 serving plates, then top each portion with a quarter of the toasted walnuts and the chives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/SARA MOULTON, AUTHOR OF SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS

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The Val-d'Or Foreurs celebrate Samuel Henley's game-tying goal in the third period on Tuesday night in London, Ont. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oil Kings fumble away win to Foreurs

Memorial Cup.

Edmonton's path much murkier after loss to QMJHL's Val-d'Or

Val-d'Or centre Anthony Richard scored the double overtime winner in a 4-3 victory over the Edmonton Oil Kings at the Memorial Cup on Tuesday in London, Ont.

The Foreurs, 2-1, advanced to Friday's semifinal with the marathon win that ended with Richard scoring on a breakaway

On Tuesday

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Foreurs	Oil Kings

at 1:15 of the second overtime.

The Oil Kings (1-2) will either join the Foreurs in the semifinal for a rematch or face the host London Knights in a tiebreaker Thursday.

Pierre-Maxime Poudrier

scored short-handed for the Foreurs with captain Samuel Henley and Shawn Ouellette-St-Amant also contributing a goal apiece for the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League champions.

Curtis Lazar had a goal and an assist for the Oil Kings. Henrik Samuelsson and Reid Petryk also scored for the WHL champions.

Val-d'Or was outshot 50-33, but the Foreurs hung around like a bad cold and twice tied the game after falling behind.

Foreurs goaltender Antoine Bibeau stopped 47 shots, in-

cluding a penalty-shot attempt by Edgars Kulda in the first period.

Oil Kings goaltender Tristan Jarry made 29 saves in defeat in front of 8,745 fans that thinned out considerably by the start of the second overtime.

The host Knights and Guelph Storm conclude the preliminary round Wednesday in a clash of OHL rivals.

The Storm are already in Sunday's final with two wins, while the winless Knights need a win to avoid elimination and get into a tiebreaker.

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Hockey worlds

Canada tops group after tough win

From a disallowed goal to a penalty kill in the final minutes, Team Canada didn't enjoy a lot of easy moments in beating Norway 3-2.

But that's exactly how coach Dave Tippett wanted it, as his team got the regulation victory it needed Tuesday to finish first in Group A at the world hockey championship.

"We played well, and I like that we got pushed right to the end," Tippett said. "If it would've been a 5-1 or 6-1 game, maybe you get into bad habits, you just kind of float through it."

It remained close even after Joel Ward scored the second of his two goals, the eventual game-winner, midway through the third because Norway didn't go away.

Canada will face Finland in Group B in the quarter-final round Thursday.

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NBA draft lottery

Another Canadian kid in Cleveland?

The Cleveland Cavaliers have continued their remarkable lottery luck, winning the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft for the second straight year.

It's the third time in four years the Cavs will be atop the draft after moving up from the ninth spot.

They had just a 1.7-per cent chance of winning the top spot Tuesday night.

They drafted Toronto's Anthony Bennett last year, and Andrew Wiggins, also of Toronto, is expected to be selected first this year.

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Playoff roll feels like old times for Richards

It's Brad Richards' turn to be the old hand, tutoring his young New York Rangers teammates on what it's like to win a Stanley Cup.

It wasn't like that in 2004, when Richards and teammate Martin St. Louis won the Cup with the Tampa Bay Lightning.

"This whole playoffs it's been fun to do that," the 34-year-old Richards said Tuesday. "When I was in Tampa, Marty also, we didn't really have a clue what we were doing.

"We were first time through

it, leaning on other people, older people, asking them all the questions. It's fun to try to gather the group and talk about things. This group has come together so much and they ask a lot of questions. They make fun of us a lot for doing that too, but it's fun to try to help out that way."

The Rangers are two wins away from a trip to the Stanley Cup final after taking the opening two games of the NHL Eastern Conference final from the Canadiens in Montreal.

They swamped the flat-foot-

ed Canadiens 7-2 in the series opener on Monday afternoon but then needed a 40-save effort from goalie Henrik Lundqvist to pull out a 3-1 win on Monday.

Game 3 is set for Thursday night in New York.

In 2004, the Canadiens came back to beat Boston in the opening round but then were swept by the Lightning. This year, Montreal is again coming off a Game 7 win over the Bruins and is in danger of losing in four straight to the Rangers.

That has Richards, a P.E.I.

native who won the 2000 Memorial Cup with the Rimouski Oceanic, and Montreal native St. Louis at 6-0 in career playoff games against the Canadiens.

Their message to teammates who haven't won a Cup is to not let the opportunity slip away.

"We've been to the conference final twice in three years. That's very rare," said Richards. "Look at teams around the league that you think are going to have chances to win cups every year and it just doesn't happen." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Rangers centre Brad Richards

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Miami picks up the pace in Indy

NBA playoffs. Series headed south after Heat speed up on offence, lock down on defence

LeBron James scored six straight points to spark a decisive 12-2 run, and the Miami Heat beat the Indiana Pacers 87-83 on Tuesday night to leave the Eastern Conference finals tied at a game apiece.

James had 12 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter. Dwyane Wade had 23 points, including 13 in the first half when the Heat desperately needed them to stay close, and 10 more in the fourth quarter when they had to rally.

Game 3 is Saturday in Miami.

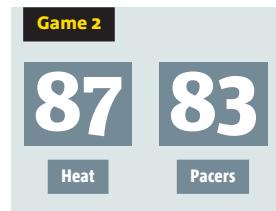
Lance Stephenson tied his playoff career-high with 25 points for the Pacers. Paul George scored 14.

The Heat trailed 73-69 with 7:19 left. But James hit a 3-pointer, and then scored the first six points in the rally and the Heat defence gave up only eight points over the final five minutes.

Miami has won 11 straight games following a playoff loss and still has not trailed 2-0 in

Far from over

"We're never satisfied until we close out the series. We've got a lot of work to do." LeBron James



a series since the first round of the 2012 playoffs.

At times, the rough-and-tumble night took on the aura of a football game, especially late.

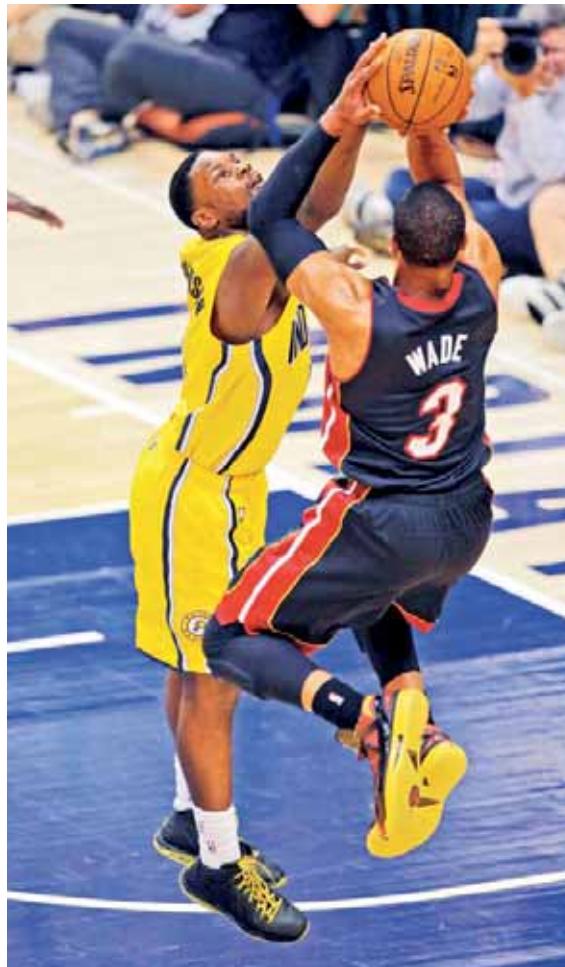
George and Wade banged knees while chasing a loose ball, then returned following the ensuing timeout. James crashed hard and awkwardly to the floor when West was called for a flagrant one foul in the fourth quarter — a call later changed to a common foul following a review.

"That's what's it's about," James said. "It's not going to be pretty. Not in the Eastern Conference. It's never pretty basketball in the Eastern Conference. It's about who can sustain runs. You know, who can get defensive stops? Who can not turn the ball over and who can get great shots? I think we did that in the fourth."

Defence clearly was the theme of Game 2.

Two days after allowing the Pacers to score 107 points, their most in this year's post-season, Miami rallied in the first half by holding Indiana to just nine points over one 10-minute stretch.

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Indiana Pacers guard Lance Stephenson tries to block the shot of Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade during the first half of Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals in Indianapolis, Tuesday. AI MAST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lawsuit

Ex-players: NFL dispensed drugs recklessly

Opening another legal attack on the NFL over the long-term health of its athletes, a group of retired players accused the league in a lawsuit Tuesday of supplying them with powerful painkillers and other drugs that kept them in the game but led to serious complications later in life.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages on behalf of more than 500 ex-athletes, charges the NFL with putting profits ahead of players' health.

To speed injured athletes' return to the field, team doctors and trainers dispensed drugs illegally, without obtaining prescriptions or warnings of the possible side effects, the plaintiffs contend.

Some football players

said they were never told they had broken bones and were instead fed pills to mask the pain. One said that instead of surgery, he was given anti-inflammatory drugs and excused from practices so he could play in games. Others said that after years of free pills from the NFL, they retired addicted to painkillers.

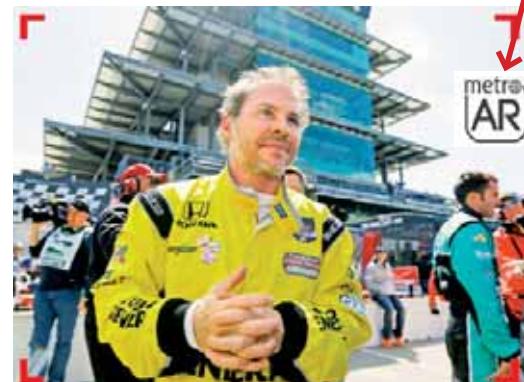
The case comes less than a year after the NFL agreed to pay \$765 million to settle lawsuits from thousands of retired players who accused it of concealing the risks of concussions.

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The quick fix

"Obviously, we were grown adults and we had a choice. But when a team doctor is saying this will take the pain away, you trust them."

Former NFL player Kyle Turley



Villeneuve preps for Indy 500

Canadian driver Jacques Villeneuve has dabbled in a number of racing series over the last few years, tried his hand at broadcasting and hopes to eventually finish recording his next music album. His immediate focus is preparing for a return to the Indy 500 this weekend. It has made Villeneuve's busy season even more hectic, but it's a change of pace that he welcomes. DARRON CUMMINGS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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2014 Dodge Dart	Market position	Points	Safety
• Type. Four-door, front-wheel drive compact sedan	The all-new Dodge Dart debuted for model year 2013 desperately looking to make some headway for Chrysler in Canada's largest and most competitive segment: compact car. Dart makes its case with a slightly bigger body and interior than the competition, stylish looks, and very modern infotainment accoutrements.	• All-new vehicle in 2013, with a North American specific design, developed from a Fiat architecture first utilized on Alfa Romeo Giulietta. • Five models for 2014: SE, SXT, Aero, Limited, GT. • Exclusive to Aero model is 1.4 turbo and dual-clutch automatic transmission (optional), which offers a fuel economy rating of 7.2 L/100 km city and 4.9 L/100 km highway (39/58 mpg).	Constructed of 68 per cent high-strength steel; 10 standard air bags; standard four-wheel disc brakes, traction control and stability control; available rear backup camera, blind spot monitoring, rear cross path detection, ParkSense Rear Park Assist; LATCH anchors that allow child seat to be placed in three rear-seat seat positions.
• Engines (hp). 2.0-litre inline four-cylinder (160), 1.4-litre inline turbocharged four-cylinder (160), 2.4-litre inline four-cylinder (184)			
• Base price (incl. destination). \$17,690			

One competent compact

Review. Love it or not, the 2014 Dodge Dart is a comely and well-equipped beast

MIKE GOETZ
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Depending on how you like your compact car configured, you'll either love or ignore the 2014 Dodge Dart.

If you like base models, with their keen pricing and the extra fuel efficiency provided by their smallish engines, you might want to look elsewhere.

The Dodge SE base model's 2.0-litre engine is neither fuel efficient nor snappy.

If you want to spend a bit more, and can, the Aero model is very fuel-efficient and snappy. Its high-tech 1.4-litre turbo engine, with 160 horsepower and 184 lb-ft of torque, is entertaining, especially when mated to the six-speed manual. Its only other transmission option is a fancy-pants dual-clutch version that promises quick and fun shifts in either self-shifting or automatic mode. But that transmission's "herky-jerky" manners at low speeds around town has not won it many fans.

So for model year 2015, Chrysler decided a couple of adjustments were in order for Dart.

The engine and transmission combination that did get some love from customers was the conventional six-speed automatic transmission and the 2.4-litre "Tigershark" Multi-Air engine with 184 horsepower and 171 lb-ft of torque. In 2013 the Tigershark was only available on the top-shelf GT model. For 2014, the engine has been made standard on the mid-level

SXT and Limited models, as well as GT.

Hallelujah.

Our test victim was one of these newly endowed Darts — an SXT, outfitted with the six-speed automatic.

Energuide rates this vehicle at 9.2 L/100 km City, and 6.3 Highway.

It's a comely and well-equipped beast.

The extra blackness of the Rally Group's aluminum wheels and front grille really "pops" amid the overall white-



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Nissan Quest a reliable family hauler

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2011 to 2014 Nissan Quest

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Nissan's shot at minivans like the Honda Odyssey, Hyundai Entourage and Chrysler Magic Wagon was called the Quest. The fourth-generation model is still available for sale for model year 2014, launched originally in 2011 after a one-year break from the market. Unique design, a proven powertrain and a distinctive look were among the ways this generation of Nissan's family hauler set itself apart from the crowd.

Feature content included a Blind Spot Warning System, rear storage well, high-flexibility seating enabling nearly 3,400 litres of cargo space, motorized sliding doors, a household power outlet, Bluetooth, Bose audio, navigation, and more.

The test drive

Start your Quest test-drive with typical minivan checks. Confirm proper operation from the motorized doors and tailgate, if equipped, ensuring each is able to open and close as expected several times with no failures.

These components typically tend to become problematic as the vehicle ages and wears out. Note that a malfunctioning power liftgate may be suffering from a bad sensor or require some adjustment.

Confirm proper climate-control system operation, making sure controls for all three zones (driver, front passenger and rear) are working properly, and that both heated and air-



conditioned air makes it way to each zone as expected.

When test driving, 'listen' to the Quest's suspension for any sign of clunking, popping or rattling sounds, which indicate a worn-out bushing, strut or other component.

A mechanic can quickly look for signs of suspension trouble if any unwelcome sounds are apparent.

Feel for any unwelcomed sensations from the CVT transmission. It should deliver power smoothly, and on an uninterrupted, shift-free surge when given the goots.

What owners like



Quest owners typically rave about a spacious cabin, good on-demand power from the V6 and CVT team, refined powertrain operation, handy one-touch doors and liftgate, and distinctive styling, inside and out.

What owners dislike



Most Quest owners who have reported their experiences online seem to love their vehicles, though some wish for better fuel economy and less of a gap between the captain's chairs for attending to infants.

Engines



All Quest models came the same way in the powertrain department: namely with a 3.5-litre V6 driving the front wheels via a Continually Variable Transmission or CVT. Trim grades saw S and SV designations applied to lower-end models, with SL and LE grades applied to top-of-the-line units.

The verdict

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Reported problems were very minimal and not reported with enough frequency to warrant much concern. Maximum long-term peace of mind will come from a Quest without motorized doors, and one that's sold as part of a Nissan Pre-Owned program with full service records. A used Quest with a mechanical thumbs-up will likely be a trouble-free and spacious performer for years to come.

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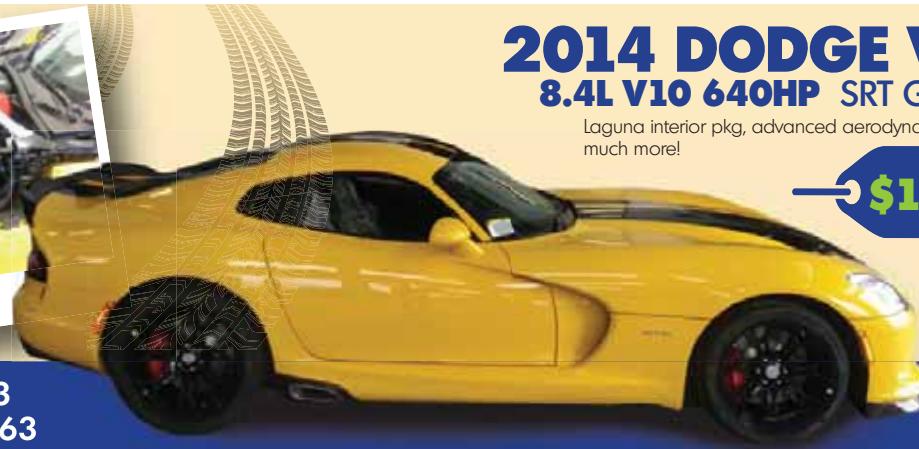


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Has Volvo found the solution to distracted driving?

In development.

The car company is researching sensors that can tell when the driver is sleepy or not paying attention

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One of the major factors in car crashes is driver inattention. It can be deadly to ignore what's happening outside the windshield, whether because of fatigue, daydreaming, or looking at the stereo or a phone.

Several automakers are working on solutions to the problem, including Volvo, which is researching sensors that watch the driver. By monitoring such things as where the driver is looking, head position and angle, and how open the eyes are, the system can recognize inattention and take steps to ensure safety.

"If you know that a driver is distracted, you can activate features such as a forward collision warning," says Per Landfors, project leader for drive support functions at Volvo Cars in Sweden. "This is still in the experimental stage. The sensors aren't much different (from existing ones), but what's new is how they're connected to the car, and how the car adapts to you."

The technology uses a sensor that's mounted on the dash in front of the driver. It uses infrared light, emitted by small LEDs, to illuminate the driver to be visible to the sensor. People can't see infrared, so the driver doesn't notice it.

The sensor works like a camera and takes pictures, but doesn't store them. Instead, it

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Coming soon?

Volvo expects that the recognition system will be available in cars by 2020, but possibly sooner than that.

- Current Volvo cars can detect a drowsy driver, but this system can differentiate between drowsiness and inattention.
- Such systems may be a key to self-driving cars, which will need to know if a driver is paying attention and can take over the task.

analyzes the information in the picture, discards it, and then repeats the process, several times a second. "The car doesn't save any pictures, nor does it have a driver surveillance function," Landfors says.

If the sensor realizes that a driver isn't paying attention, it can activate some of the car's safety functions, depending on what it detects. For a sleepy driver, something like a quick brake pulse could wake him up. If the driver is distracted, systems that warn about imminent collisions, or that can stop the car completely if it's about to hit something, can be adjusted to intervene much sooner than they normally would. "If you're totally aware of what's going on, these can intervene a little bit later," Landfors says. "You only get the warning when you need it."

The system also has the potential to enhance driving for an alert operator. For example, if the system detects that the driver is looking at something on the road, it could aim the headlights toward it for better visibility.

Although the current system under development doesn't save or upload photos, Landfors says that at some time in the future, it is possible that the sensor could take a picture of the driver following a crash and forward it to emergency personnel, who would know in advance what type of trauma care will be necessary.



Volvo is considering sensors that watch the driver, monitoring things like where the driver is looking. VOLVO



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Shift: Need for cleaner energy is motivating decision-makers from Bhutan to the engineers at Rolls-Royce

Rolls-Royce reconsiders electric power

If you've wondered if this "electric thing" is ever going to really take off, consider that Rolls-Royce is seriously considering a plug-in electric version of its flagship Phantom, if not perhaps for all the right reasons.

The company is considering an electric model largely because of legislation considerations, says alternative vehicle news website Green Car Reports.

Tightening emission regulations will make it ever more difficult to sell the kind of large, gasoline-powered vehicles Rolls-Royce specializes in.

Those regulations prompted the company to explore electric power with the imperious 102EX concept in 2011, but "both



Range and charge times previously shelved any notion of an electric Rolls-Royce, but the company is taking another serious look at it. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE MEDIA

the recharging times and the range were not acceptable" to R-R buyers. With

those issues addressed, a more positive response is expected this time around.

The frugal Focus

The 2015 Ford Focus will for the first time offer the company's 1.0-litre three-cylinder turbocharged "EcoBoost" engine with a six-speed transmission, surpassing the fuel economy of the previous model.

The smallest in Ford's growing arsenal of EcoBoost engines increases customer choice, says Joe Hinrichs, Ford's executive vice-president of the Americas. It joins the subcompact Fiesta as the second Ford to offer the efficient little powerplant in North America.

EcoBoost technology combines smaller displacement engines with turbocharging, direct fuel injection, variable valve timing and proprietary Ford software to improve both performance and fuel economy, and can deliver way better fuel economy than larger displacement gasoline engines provided they're driven in a thrifty manner. Demand for the engine in Europe, where it's offered in five models, is robust.

The tiny Fiesta was the first car to receive the company's 1.0-litre three-cylinder engine. Now the larger Focus, pictured, will make it available.



Shift points

The world in Shift this week.

- Americans took 10.7-billion trips on mass transit in 2013, reports the American Public Transportation Association. That's the highest annual public transit ridership number in 57 years.
- Ferrari's first hybrid supercar, LaFerrari (963 hp) has taken the prize in the best sports car category of the European Best Cars 2014 awards in Madrid, Spain.
- The small Asian nation of Bhutan has joined with Nissan to immediately replace all Bhutanese government vehicles and taxi cabs in the capital city of Thimphu with Nissan Leaf electric cars.

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Silverado HD has natural gas option

Chevrolet is taking compressed natural gas-powered engines seriously, says Autoweek magazine, with a version of the 2015 Silverado HD that runs on either gasoline or compressed natural gas.

The Silverado 2500 HD CNG's engine has been internally modified to run on CNG. It makes 360 horsepower and 380 pound-feet of torque running on gasoline, and 301/333 on natural gas.

That tradeoff in power is offset by the savings offered by burning natural gas, however: Chevrolet claims that the Silverado HD CNG will save owners \$2,000 US a year in fuel costs over 41,600 kilometres based on U.S. pricing for fuel, running on CNG 75 per cent of the time. Running on CNG and gas, the truck will travel more than 1,000 kilometres.



Running a Silverado HD on natural gas has big cost savings, according to Chevrolet.

How about buying out the entire U.S. coal industry?

What would be the cost of eliminating the United States' greatest single producer of greenhouse gasses?

About \$50 billion US, say a couple of California-based sustainability experts.

Gil Friend and Felix Kramer, in an article penned for Britain's The Guardian, propose a one-time buyout of the U.S. coal industry, shutting it down over a decade and retraining those now employed in it, at the same time accelerating the expansion of renewable energy technologies. And they call on mega-philanthropist visionaries like Warren Buffet, Bill Gates and others to fund it.

"These financial superstars could figure out the best way to structure a Coal Buyout Fund, maybe even at a profit," they wrote.

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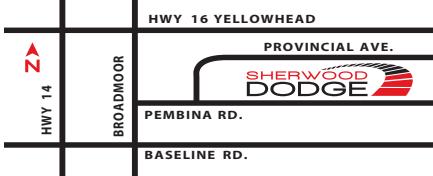


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